

Re:Structuring

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Rocky Mountain Restructuring: What Works for the Western States

The National Council, and the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Power Technologies and Denver Regional Support Office are cosponsoring "Rocky Mountain Restructuring: What Works for the Western States" on May 19-20, 1999 at the Doubletree Hotel in Denver, Colorado.

This meeting will provide an opportunity for legislators, regulators, energy officials, and other key decision-makers in Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming to share their experiences and ideas about restructuring the electricity marketplace. Issues that will be discussed include:

- Will prices go up or down?
- Will consumers be better off?
- What new energy products and services will be made available to consumers?

The meeting will include discussions of "lessons learned" from other states which have approved restructuring rules or passed legislation — both in the Rocky Mountain states and in other states across the country.

Featured speakers will include:

- Michael Sanchez, New Mexico State Senate
- Bob Anderson, Commissioner, Montana Public Service Commission
- Steve Ellenbecker, Chairman, Wyoming Public Service Commission
- The Honorable Dan Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. DOE
- Brent Alderfer, former Commissioner, Colorado Public Utilities Commission
- Rich Cowart, Chair, National Council on Competition and the Electric Industry, and former Chair, Vermont Public Service Board

Program, hotel, and registration information is available on the National Council's own web site and on the Denver Regional Support Office's web site:
<http://www.eren.doe.gov/drso>.

LEAP Letter

The National Council is pleased to provide each state senate, assembly, and regulatory commission with the latest issue of the LEAP Letter, which includes detailed information on the status of electric industry reform. Our contract with the publishers of the LEAP Letter allows each of these recipients to reproduce up to 10 copies of the LEAP Letter for internal use (e.g., legislative committee members, senior staff, librarians). We encourage you to do that!

National Executive Dialogue on Reliability Issues

The National Council is cosponsoring an Executive Dialogue called "Electricity Reliability: The Next Millennium" with NARUC on April 15-16, 1999 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Dallas, Texas. Key policy issues associated with reliability will be addressed in the following contexts: system operation, adequacy of generation, transmission planning and siting, and FERC 202(a) rulemaking.

This program is designed for all energy policymakers responsible for ensuring reliable electric service in a restructured electric industry. State legislators, regulators, and energy officials are urged to attend. Federal policymakers, industry members, and other stakeholders will also be represented.

All National Council members are eligible for the special, reduced \$100 registration fee! Additional program, hotel and registration information is available on the National Council's web site — <http://eetd.lbl.gov/NationalCouncil/>. The National Council Steering Committee will meet following the dialogue on the 16th and on Saturday the 17th. Steering Committee meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact Ann Thompson, Assistant to the National Council Chair, at athompso@psb.state.vt.us or 802-828-2358.

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National Council Publications on Electric Industry Restructuring

Research Reports

Federal, State, and Local Tax Implications of Electric Industry Restructuring (Deloitte & Touche, 1996)

Assessing Impacts of Restructuring on Small Business, Residential, and Low-Income Customers (Roger D. Colton, 1996)

The Unintended Impacts of Restructuring (Dave Schoengold, 1996)

The Organization of Competitive Wholesale Power Markets and Spot Price Pools (Paul A. Centolella, 1996)

Stranded Benefits in Electric Utilities Restructuring (Nancy Brockway & Michael Sherman, 1996)

The British Electric Utility Restructuring Experience: History and Lessons for the U.S. (Michael C. Brower, Stephen D. Thomas, & Catherine Mitchell, 1996)

Regulation and Competition Without Privatization: Norway's Experience (Jan Moen & Jan Hamrin, Printed in *The Electricity Journal*, March 1996)

Public-Interest Research and Development in the Electric and Gas Utility Industries (Carl Blumstein, Richard Scheer, and Stephen Wiel, 1998)

Briefing Papers

Customer Choice (Cheryl Harrington, 1996)

Electric Utility Transition Costs (Eric Hirst & Lester Baxter, 1996)

Market Power in the Electric Utility Industry: An Overview (William Shepherd, 1997)

Restructuring Issues Associated with Nuclear Power Plants (William B. Marcus, 1997)

Regional Issues in Restructuring the Electric Industry (Sue Tierney, 1998)

Other

Council Design Criteria List (Jan Hamrin, 1995)

Six Generic Restructuring Models (Jan Hamrin, 1995)

A Glossary of Restructuring Terms

Disclosure Series

Full Environmental Disclosure for Electricity: Tracking and Reporting Key Information (David Moskovitz et al., July 1997)

Information Disclosure for Electricity Sales: Consumer Preferences from Focus Groups (Alan S. Levy et al., July 1997)

Disclosure of Fuel Mix and Emissions by Retail Electric Service Providers: Issues of Confidentiality vs. Public Right to Know (Scott Hempling, July 1997)

Information Disclosure for Electricity Sales: Consumer Preferences from Focus Groups, Report 2—West Coast (Mario Teisel et. al., 1997)

Information Disclosure for Electricity Sales: Consumer Preferences from Focus Groups, Report 3—Rocky Mountain West (Lynn Halverson & Edward Holt, 1997)

Uniform Consumer Disclosure Standards for New England: Report and Recommendations to the New England Utility Regulatory Commissions (Tom Austin et al., January 1998)

Information Consumers Want in Electricity Choice, Summary of Focus Group Research (Ed Holt, January 1998)

Summary Report, Baseline Survey — Consumer Knowledge, Practices, and Attitudes, Electric Utility Deregulation and Consumer Choice (Kenneth Winneg et al., January 1998)

Model Electricity Consumer Protection Disclosures (Jerrold Oppenheim and Barbara Alexander, October 1998)

Label Testing: Results of Mall Intercept Study (Kenneth Winneg et al., October 1998)

Consumer Research on Tracking Approaches and Product Versus Supplier Labeling (Melissa J. Herrman and Brian Roe, October 1998)

A Summary of Research on Information Disclosure: Synthesis Report (David Moskovitz, et al., October 1998)

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